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Note verbale dated 29 May 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kasymjomart Tokaev, of 28 May 1998, concerning the nuclear-weapon tests conducted by Pakistan (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have this note verbale and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 64 and 81, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kasymjomart Tokaev, of 28 May 1998

The nuclear-weapon tests conducted by Pakistan represent an escalation in tension not only in the region, but also on a global scale.

It is to be noted with profound regret that India and Pakistan, carried away by nuclear ambitions, have seriously impaired international security. The actions by these countries are eroding the basis for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Kazakhstan firmly opposes the proliferation of nuclear weapons and urges all States to act responsibly and with restraint.

The leaders of Kazakhstan believe that India and Pakistan must accede to the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.